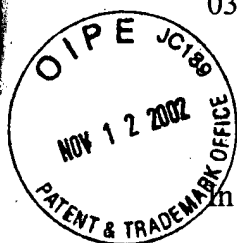


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,916,710
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,997,185
- (3) Europe 0 823 760
- (4) Japan 61-206286
- (5) Japan 63-131104
- (6) Japan 9-18087
- (7) Japan 10-39173
- (8) PCT/WO 97/25641

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References (1) and (3) to (8) were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Patent Office, which is dated September 27, 2002, is enclosed.

Reference (2) is identified in the European Search Report as an English-language counterpart to reference (8). English-language abstracts for references (4) to (8) have been located and are enclosed.

The European Search Report also cites Japan 10-48557. However, this reference was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 22, 2001, and is therefore not included in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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